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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF SPANISH NAVY MINISTER

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S INQUIRY, A WELL-PLACED MILITARY SOURCE IN THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEFENSE MATTERS GUTIERREZ MELLADO PROVIDED FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF PITA DA VEIGA'S RESIGNATION WITH SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM GUTIERREZ MELLADO:

A. PITA'S RESIGNATION IS CONFIRMED. IT WAS ULTIMATELY A MATTER OF PERSONAL CONSCIENCE AND IS NOT OF TRANSCENDENTAL IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE NAVY ESTABLISHMENT.

B. THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ARMY DID MEET THE EVENING OF APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION CREATED BY LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE. SOME DISCONTENT WAS EXPRESSED BUT IN THE END ALL OFFICERS PRESENT ACCEPTED THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH DISCIPLINE.

C. DESPITE THE MANY RUMORS, NO FURTHER SENIOR MILITARY RESIGNATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

D. SUAREZ CONTINUES "TRANQUIL, SERENE, FIRM, AND DETERMINED" TO CONTINUE ON THE PATH ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, SOURCE ADDED THAT A REPLACE-
MENT FOR PITA COULD BE EXPECTED SOON, BUT HE DID NOT YET
KNOW WHO THIS WOULD BE. ALSO, FROM HIS (CONSIDERABLE) KNOWLEDGE
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OF THE FORMER NAVY MINISTER, HE DOUBTED HE WOULD BE INCLINED
TO ENTER PARTISAN POLITICS.

3. THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE AT THE END OF THE
WORKING DAY APRIL 13. STABLER

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